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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SATOSHI KOIZUMI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/645,321

Filed: August 25, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
N-ACETYLNEURAMINIC ACID

Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.

Group Art Unit: 1652

January 8, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment dated November 25, 2002, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6-9, 21 and 22 to read as follows. A marked-up copy
of these claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

6. (Amended) The process according to any one of claims 4, 5, 17 and 19,
wherein said microorganism having N-acetylneuraminic acid aldolase activity is a
microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia or Corynebacterium.

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